Chief Alan Weatherford today announced that:

Case #: 11-003320

On January 29, 2011, at approximately 2:10 p.m. officers from the Gulfport Police Department responded to the area of Ohio Ave south of Holly Circle in reference to a shooting.

Upon arrival, the victim Kyle Oatis of Gulfport was found in his vehicle suffering from a gunshot wound and was transport to an area hospital where he was pronounced dead a short time later.

The on scene investigation revealed that the victim and unknown suspects had been involved in a physical altercation which escalated to gun shots being fired at Oatis as he fled the area. Oatis' vehicle later crashed striking a bridge on Ohio Ave. The unknown suspects fled north toward the area of Holly Circle and Ohio Ave.

Further investigation is pending.